

BC Soccer Policy

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Policy Name	Membership Policy

Policy Statement

BC Soccer will consider accepting into Membership, organizations which comply with eligibility and requirements outlined in the BC Soccer Bylaws and that have annually been approved for renewal.

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to specify the requirements for any person or organization to become an Active Member, Voting Delegate Member, Associate Member, or Life Member and continue to maintain such membership.

Standards

1. Classes of Membership

In accordance with BC Soccer Constitution and Bylaws 3.1, BC Soccer shall have four classes of membership: Active Full Members, Voting Delegate Members, Associate Members, or Life Members.

Associate Members are defined as

- a) Access to Soccer
 - i. Associate Members in the Access to Soccer sub-class must either.
 1. Actively work to eliminate barriers to soccer. These barriers include but are not limited to culture, race, socio-economic status, gender, sexual orientation, or disabilities.
 2. Address one specific type of stakeholder within BC Soccer
- b) Adult Leagues- Competitive
 - i. Associate Members in the Adult League sub-class must
 1. Act as an Adult League and provide programming to participants over the age of 19
- c) Adult Performance
 - i. Associate Members in the Adult Performance sub-class must either.
 1. Provide programming to those in Post-Secondary Education
 2. Provide programming to professional or semi-professional players

2. Rights of Membership

In accordance with BC Soccer Constitution and Bylaws 3.3, rights of membership are determined based on the class and sub-class of membership.

In addition to the rights of membership listed in BC Soccer Bylaws, all Active (Full) Members and Associate Members regardless of sub-class have the following rights:

- a) To have access to BC Soccer Registered Referees
- b) To apply for Tournament Sanctioning
- c) To be included on BC Soccer's Insurance Certificate
- d) To register participants with BC Soccer
- e) To request and host BC Soccer Coach and Referee Clinics
- f) To participate in BC Soccer Sanctioned Competitions

Associate Members operating under the Adult Leagues- Competitive and Adult Performance sub-classes also have the following rights:

- a) To apply for Out of Province Travel

3. Obligations of Membership

In order to comply with the obligations of membership outlined in the BC Soccer Constitution and Bylaws 3.4, members should complete the member renewal process and membership submission guidelines outlined in BC Soccer Membership Procedures.

4. Failure to Meet Obligations of Membership

A member who fails to meet their Obligations of Membership may be declared not in good standing in accordance with BC Soccer's Constitution and Bylaws.

Definitions

Guidelines

Applicable Operational Procedures

Membership Procedures.

Compliance to BC Soccer Governing Documents

In accordance with BC Soccer's "*Bylaws 3.4.a.ii*" all member organizations must comply with the applicable Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, Policies, decisions and directives of BC Soccer and the statutes, bylaws, regulations, directives and decisions of Canada Soccer, FIFA at all times

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